PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 4912

Kazuo MINEMURA, et al. Art Unit: 1793

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For: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF METAL MATERIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 February 22, 2010

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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